How to Apply for a CLIA Certificate of Waiver



Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Background

Congress passed the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) in 1988 establishing quality standards for all laboratory testing to ensure the accuracy, reliability and timeliness of patient test results regardless of where the test was performed. A laboratory is defined as any facility which performs laboratory testing on specimens derived from humans for the purpose of providing information for the diagnosis, prevention, treatment of disease, or impairment of, or assessment of health. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is charged with the implementation of CLIA, including laboratory registration, fee collection, surveys, surveyor guidelines and training, enforcement, approvals of PT providers, accrediting organizations and exempt states. The FDA is responsible for test categorization.





Completing the application form

Section 1 - General Information

The CLIA application form (CMS-116) can be obtained at the CMS website:

www.cms.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/Downloads/CMS116.pdf.

You must have Adobe Acrobat Reader installed on your computer in order to view and print this document. A link on the CMS site has been provided for obtaining the free viewing software if it is not already installed on your computer system.

Name of Director

This person should be identified as the principle party responsible for overseeing testing programs, ensuring that facility personnel administering testing are fully trained, and documentation is maintained to the meet CLIA standards. States deemed as "State Licensure" or "Exempt" may require additional accreditation within their individual states to qualify (e.g. medical director with licensed medical degree, etc.). Refer to state listing for the states that may apply.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES **CLINICAL LABORATORY IMPROVEMENT AMENDMENTS (CLIA)** APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION I. GENERAL INFORMATION ▼ Initial Application Leave Blank for New Applications Change in Certification Type Other Changes (Specify) (If an initial application leave blank, a number will be assigned) EDERAL TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER The Family Center of PA 12-3456789 EMAIL ADDRESS FAX NO. (Include area cod (610)345-6788 (610)345-6789 AILING/BILLING ADDRESS (If diffe The Family Center of PA Attn: Accounts Payable NUMBER, STREET (No P.O. Boxes) 123 East First Street - Suite 100 IUMBER, STREET 123 East First Street - Suite 100 Reading 12346 OR OFFICE USE ONL Taylor, John, S. II. TYPE OF CERTIFICATE REQUESTED (Check only one)

Section 2 - Type of Certificate

Certificate of

> Check box indicated.

The following are the types of CLIA Certificates that may be obtained. All types of certificates permit testing with approved CLIA waived tests.

- Certificate of Waiver (COW): Issued to lab that performs only waived tests.
- Certificate for Provider Performed Microscopy (PPM) procedures: Issued to lab in which physician, midlevel practitioner or dentist performs specific microscopy procedures categorized as moderate complexity.
- Certificate of Registration: Issued to lab to conduct nonwaived (moderate and/or high complexity) testing until lab is determined to be in compliance with CLIA regulations.

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☐ The Joint Commission	☐ AOA	☐ AABB
☐ CAP	☐ COLA	☐ ASHI
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- Certificate of Compliance (COC): Issued to lab that performs nonwaived (moderate and/or high complexity) testing once the State Dept. of Health determines lab is compliant with CLIA requirements.
- Certificate of Accreditation (COA): Issued to lab that performs nonwaived (moderate and/or high complexity) testing, and is based on an accreditation by organization approved by CMS (Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services).

^{*} All types are effective for two years.

Section 3 - Type of Laboratory

Facility Identification

> This should be checked off from the description that best describes the type of facility and services provided.

01	Ambulance	11	Health Main. Organization	<u>22</u>	Practitioner Other (Specify)
02	Ambulatory Surgery Center	12	Home Health Agency		
03	Ancillary Testing Site in	13	Hospice	23	Prison
	Health Care Facility	14	Hospital	24	Public Health Laboratories
04	Assisted Living Facility	15	Independent	25	Rural Health Clinic
05	Blood Bank	16	Industrial	26	School/Student Health Service
06	Community Clinic	17	Insurance	27	Skilled Nursing Facility/
07	Comp. Outpatient Rehab Facility	T 18	Intermediate Care Facility for		Nursing Facility
08	End Stage Renal Disease		Mentally Retarded	28	Tissue Bank/Repositories
	Dialysis Facility	19	Mobile Laboratory	29	Other (Specify)
09	Federally Qualified	20	Pharmacy		
	Health Center	21	Physician Office		
10	Health Fair		Is this a shared lab? Yes No		

Section 4 - Hours of Laboratory Testing

Hours of Operation

> Indicate when testing services will be available at the test site. This may or may not mirror site location's operating hours.

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Section 5 - Multiple Sites

Multiple Locations

> Most applications will respond "NO" to this question. Check off as indicated if applicable and immediately go to Section 6.

For applications that have multiple location sites, contact your local CMS office to ensure that the regulatory exceptions for this provision are met prior to completing this form. Additionally, Section 5 will require that each location's testing hours are identified.

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1.	Is this a laboratory that has temp Yes No	orary testing sites?					
2.	 Is this a not-for-profit or Federal, State or local government laboratory engaged in limited (not more than a combination of 15 moderate complexity or waived tests per certificate) public health testing and filing for a single certificate for multiple sites. Yes No 						
	If yes, provide the number of site site below.	s under the certificate	and list name, address and test performed for each				
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Section 6 - Waived Testing

Annual Test Volume

> This number represents the total estimate number of tests that will be performed at the testing facility annually. Under CLIA Application of Waiver submission, the fee charged for a two-year certificate is \$150.00, regardless of the volume of CLIA waived tests conducted within a facility. Whereas, CLIA Certificates for Moderate Complexity and High Complexity are fee rendered by this number indicated as well as the type of testing performed as identified under Section 7.

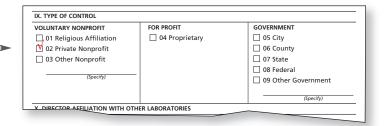


Skip Section 7 & 8 IF YOU ARE ONLY CONDUCTING WAIVED TESTING

Section 9 - Type of Control

Facility Overseer

Indicate which code closely identifies with your organization. This would be understood by how you are identified currently with the IRS for tax filing purposes.



Section 10 - Director Affiliation with Other Laboratories

Other Affiliations

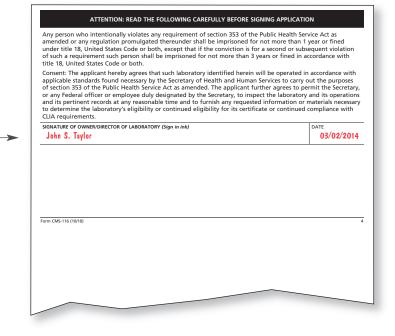
Many identified Directors may have affiliations with other facilities and/or programs within each state. This section must be completed if the Director identified for this application has been registered to other site locations and/or organizations.

the director of this laboratory serves as d implete the following:	irector for additional laboratories that are separately certified, please
CLIA NUMBER	NAME OF LABORATORY
41D1234567	Eastern Pennsylvania Crisis Center

Section 10 - Director Affiliation with Other Laboratories

Contractual Obligation

> The Laboratory Director must sign and complete the application. By signing this application, the Director agrees to permit the Secretary, or any Federal officer or employee designated by the Secretary to inspect the laboratory, operations and all records at any reasonable time to determine applicants eligibility or continued eligibility for a CLIA certificate and continued compliance with CLIA requirements are met.



Mail

Completed Application

> Once the application is completed, it should be mailed directly to the local CMS office in your state. No check or money order should be sent at this time. The application is then entered into a national database. Within the next two (2) weeks, a bill with a detachable coupon will be mailed to the attention of the Director. Fees for a Certificate of Waiver for two years will be \$150.00. Detach the coupon and send along with payment to the address provided. Be sure to reference the assigned CLIA certificate number on your check should the coupon be lost or separated from payment.

CLIA Certificate of Waiver

> Processing for a new certificate may take up to two months, however calling your local office may or may not yield information on the progress of your application. Your CLIA certificate number is established on your original invoice. Only once your payment is credited may you begin testing within your facility. The CLIA certificate will arrive approximately two (2) weeks following credited payment.

Renewal

> Anticipate ten months prior to renewal date of your CLIA Certificate, a coupon voucher to arrive directed to the listed Director of the facility. Payment should be made by expected due date. Any changes from the original application should also be indicated. Once payment is received a renewal Certificate will be sent one month prior to the expiration date. If your CLIA waiver expires you must resubmit.

DISCLAIMER: Individual states may require additional fees and forms to be completed.

For additional information, contact your local CMS office.

State Survey Agencies (CLIA Contact List)

REGION I - Boston

CLIA LABORATORY PROGRAM
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MASS. DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH BUREAU OF HEALTH CARE SAFETY AND QUALITY CLINICAL LABORATORY PROGRAM 99 Chauncy Street, 11th Floor Boston, MA 02111 (617) 753-8438 or 8439 FAX: (617) 753-8240 Contact: Paul DiNatale

RI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DIVISION OF FACILITIES REGULATION 3 Capitol Hill, Room 306 Providence, RI 02908 (401) 222-2721 FAX: (401) 222-3999 Contact: Floyd Salerno

CLIA PROGRAM
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FAX: (207) 287-9304
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NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CLINICAL LABORATORY IMPROVEMENT SVC P. O. Box 361 Trenton, NJ 08625-0361 (609) 406-6824 FAX: (609) 292-0424 Contact: Bhavua Patel For Physician Office Laboratories in New York:
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(518) 485-5352
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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OFFICE OF LABORATORY SERVICES 167 11th Avenue South Charleston, WV 25303-1137 (304) 558-3530, extension 2103 FAX: (304) 558-2006 Contact: Jerry Gross

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ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES CLIA PROGRAM, P.O. Box 303017 Montgomery, AL 36130-3017 (334) 206-5120 Contact: Faye Allen

STATE OF FLORIDA AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION LABORATORY LICENSING UNIT 2727 Mahan Drive, Mail Stop 32 Tallahassee, FL 32308 (850) 412-4500 FAX: (850) 410-1511 Contact: Patty Lewandowski

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH HEALTHCARE FACILITY REGULATION DIVISION DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES UNIT 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Suite 31-447 Atlanta, GA 30303-3142 (404) 657-5558 FAX: (404) 463-4398 Contact: Nancy Spradlin

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INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DIVISION OF ACUTE CARE SERVICES 2 North Meridian Street, Room 4A Indianapolis, IN 46204 (317) 233-7502 FAX: (317) 233-7517 Contact: Lorraine Switzer

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS (LARA) BUREAU OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES LABORATORY IMPROVEMENT SECTION 611 W. Ottawa Street P. O. Box 30664 Lansing, MI 48909 (517) 241-2845 FAX: (517) 241-3354 Contact: Michelle Roepke, BS, MT (ASCP)

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CLIA PROGRAM 3333 West Division Street, Suite 212 St. Cloud, MN 56301-4557 (651) 201-4120 Contacts: Kelly Siegel

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WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION OF QUALITY ASSURANCE CLINICAL LABORATORY SECTION 1 W. Wilson Street P. O. Box 2969 Madison, WI 53701-2969 (608) 266-7485 FAX: (608) 264-9847 Contact: Angela Mack

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NEBRASKA STATE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES LICENSURE UNIT-DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH Office of Acute Care Facilities P. O. Box 94986 Lincoln, NE 68509-4986 (402) 471-3484 Contact: Diana Meyer

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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES Office of Laboratory Licensing and Certification 250 N. 17th Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85007 (602) 364-0726 FAX: (602) 364-0759 Contact: Denise Barbeau

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CLIA Important Information

State Exemption

> Any laboratory located in a state that has a CMS approved laboratory program is exempt from CLIA certification. Currently, there are two states with approved programs: Washington and New York. New York has a partial exemption; therefore, if your laboratory is located in that state, contact the New York State Agency concerning your need for a CLIA certificate.

Additions or Changes to Issued Certificates

> During the two-year certificate period, information supplied on the original certificate application may change (e.g., lab director, add-on site location, etc). It is important that this information be communicated in a prompt manner to the local State Reporting office. The local states maintain the database for each issued certificate within the state. For questions concerning changes to the current certificate status, it is best to contact your local CMS office for clarification. Most often a simple letter is all that is required. This will be kept on file at the state office. A new certificate will not be issued reflecting these changes. Only upon renewal application will the changed information be indicated.

Facility Inspections

> The local state offices of CMS inspect facilities from time to time to monitor and ensure that each is operating under the CLIA guidelines. While these inspections are not punitive in nature, inspectors will check to see that Manufacturers' Guidelines are followed within each facility. Additionally, reported complaints in the field will prompt a mandatory inspection of any facility. A report will be written for both random and mandated inspections that will advise any inconsistencies and recommendations to bring a facility up to compliance. Timelines for compliance adherence will be established. What can this mean potentially to a CLIA waived testing site? If a second follow-up inspection reveals that conformance has not been established, the local CMS office can cease CLIA testing operations for a given time to that facility or site until conformance has been satisfactorily met. Similarly, if additional complaints are filed against the facility, CLIA certification can be permanently revoked and punitive action can take place dependent on the nature of the complaint.



